

Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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■ SANBAG helps fund Caltrans I-10 auxiliary lane project

To avoid losing funds approved this winter for Caltrans to build new auxiliary lanes and ramps on Interstate 10 near Fontana, SANBAG agreed to fund a portion of the project balance, thereby keeping the project on track.

The SANBAG Board of Directors approved contributing \$4.4 million toward the \$30.3 million project, which will widen exit ramps and add auxiliary lanes to improve merging on I-10 between the Cherry, Citrus and Cedar Avenue interchanges in the Fontana/Bloomington area.

Caltrans secured \$19.2 million toward the project earlier this year through the Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account, but the allocation was \$11.1 million short of the project cost. SANBAG agreed to contribute the \$4.4 million, and Caltrans contributed the balance.

"It is important for this project to move forward, and without SANBAG's contribution, Caltrans stood to lose the \$19.2 million it received earlier this year for these exit ramps and auxiliary lanes," said SANBAG Executive Director Tony Grasso.

The California Transportation Commission is expected to take action on this item and other corridor projects in July.

SANBAG and Caltrans will be exploring the possibility of combining this project with future interchange improvements along I-10.

■ Dale, Ovitt named new SANBAG officers

Board members unanimously elected Barstow Mayor Lawrence Dale as the new president of the SANBAG Board of Directors for 2007-08. San Bernardino County Supervisor Gary Ovitt was elected vice president. Both positions take effect at the next Board meeting.

Dale has served as Barstow's mayor since 2000 and was SANBAG's vice president and chair of the agency's Administrative Committee. He is a Regional Council member for the Southern California Association of Governments and is active in many service organizations.

A retired railroad locomotive manager, Dale spent 42 years in this industry and once worked in the Santa Fe Depot in San Bernardino.

Ovitt was elected to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors in 2004 after serving as mayor of Ontario since 1998 and a councilmember since 1992. He also is the newly elected president of the Southern California Association of Governments and a member of the Omnitrans Board of Directors.



■ Board adopts 07-08 budget

With new capital expenditures estimated to be \$131.5 million, the SANBAG Board adopted a budget totaling \$304.4 million for 2007-08.

Major expenditures will include construction of Route 210, Interstate 10 and the State Street/University Parkway grade separation, as well as right-of-way acquisition for Interstate 215.

Revenue is expected from Measure I (\$146.4 million), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds (\$17.9 million), Surface Transportation Program funds (\$8.1) and Traffic Congestion Relief Program funds (\$21.9 million).

SANBAG June Travel Tip . . .

Route 210 construction is almost complete in San Bernardino and Rialto, and SANBAG is helping host "Come Play on the Freeway: The Finale!" on June 23 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring the whole family for fun right on the new freeway lanes, which will open to drivers later this year. Don't miss 5K and 10K runs and walks, bike rides, classic cars, music, food and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Down the road ...

- June 13: Administrative Committee, 9 a.m.
- June 14: Major Projects Committee, 9 a.m.
- June 15: Mountain-Desert Committee, 9 a.m.
- June 20: Plans & Programs Committee, 1 p.m.
- June 23: Come Play on the Freeway, Route 210, Rialto and San Bernardino, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.
- June 27: Measure I Strategic Plan Workshop, time and location to be announced

“Come Play on the Freeway: The Finale!” Community celebration offers sneak peek at Route 210



As State Route 210 construction nears completion in Rialto and San Bernardino, community members are invited to “Come Play on the Freeway: The Finale!” on June 23.

“This is your chance to get a sneak peak of this brand new freeway before it opens to drivers later this year,” said SANBAG Executive Director Tony Grasso. “We’re excited that this last stretch of freeway is nearly complete, and we want the community to celebrate with us.”

SANBAG and Caltrans have shared responsibility for the design, funding and construction of this new route, also known as the Foothill Freeway.

Hosted by SANBAG, Caltrans, the County of San Bernardino and the cities of Rialto and San Bernardino, this family-friendly event will be held right on the new freeway lanes, which will open to drivers during the second half of 2007.

Event Highlights

“Come Play on the Freeway: The Finale!” will feature a variety of events and attractions:

- 5K and 10K runs and walks
- 5-mile and 10-mile bike rides
- A classic car show
- A formal ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony
- Unveiling of mural designs planned for the Union Pacific bridge
- Live music
- Food booths
- Community vendors
- Equipment displays
- Basketball games
- A skateboarding demonstration
- Much, much more.

The 10K run/walk is named in honor of Gary Moon, SANBAG’s director of freeway construction from 1990 to 2003. Moon was involved in the planning, funding and day-to-day construction of Route 210 until his retirement in 2003. He died in 2005 after a short battle with cancer.

The 5K events are named in memory of Marilyn Cardosi, long-time public information officer for the Rialto Unified School District and community volunteer. She was instrumental in communicating detours and construction details to school staff and families. She also succumbed to cancer, in 2006.

Event check-in will start at 7 a.m., and all activities will conclude by 1 p.m.

Visitors will enter the freeway at the Riverside Avenue on-ramp in Rialto and park on the south side of the freeway. Activities will occur east of the Riverside Avenue bridge and extend east to San Bernardino. Complimentary shuttle service will be provided to transport visitors to locations along the freeway.

The previous evening, the Rialto Chamber of Commerce will host its 100th Anniversary Gala, a black-tie event on the freeway near Riverside Avenue. For more information about the anniversary gala, call (909) 875-5364.

Participation in the runs, walks, bike rides and car show requires registration and an entry fee. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Rialto and San Bernardino. Registration is available at www.playonthe210.org, in person at Don’s Bikes, 384 S. Riverside Avenue in Rialto or by phone at 1-866-HELP-210.

Ribbon-Cutting & Dedication Ceremony

While festivities are underway on the freeway, officials will celebrate the soon-to-be-completed freeway with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, starting at 10 a.m.

The ceremony will include a formal dedication in memory of the late Congressman George E. Brown, Jr.



George E. Brown, Jr.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution 152, filed with the Secretary of State on September 1, 2004, designated the section of State Route 210 east of Interstate 15 as the George E. Brown, Jr., Memorial Highway.

Brown (1920-1999) served in the U.S. Congress for more than 34 years, which earned him the ranking as the longest-serving member representing California in the House or Senate in the history of California.